Quality of products produced by Multinational Companies

4728. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have the requisite machinery to examine the quality of the products produced especially by Multinational companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of cases identified where strict quality control is not adhered to; and

(c) what are the details of the steps taken by Government to prevent these companies from selling sub-standard goods in the third World countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Government have the requisite machinery to examine the quality of products requiring compulsory conformance to prescribed standards, whether produced by national or multi-national companies. Products which affect the health or safety of consumers, certain items of mass commumption, and items affecting the environment are covered by these standards.

(b) Apart from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), organisations mentioned in the enclosed statement See below) are responsible for formulating standards and their enforcement through agencies which are either under the Central Govt. or State Govts. Data on number of cases is not maintained centrally.

(c) The Government have enacted various laws in this regard [See Statement] and penalties are enforced as prescribed therein.

Statement

Organisations other than BIS Concerned with Formulating standards at all India level

NATIONAL STANDARDS

DIRECTORATE OF MARKETING & INSPECTION

(Agriculture Marketing Advisor to Govt of India)

Ministry of Agriculture

Field: Raw and Semiprocessed

Agricultural Commodities Meat and Meat Products
Regulation : Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marketing) Act 1937

Meat Food Products Order 1973

INDIAN ROADS CONGRESS

Ministry of Surface Transport
Field: Roads and Bridges

Designation: IRC

REGULATORY STANDARDS

CENTRAL BOARD OF IRRIGATION & POWER
Ministry of Irrigation

Field: Electrical Power Equipmement

CENTRAL BOILERS BOARD

Department of Industrial Development;

Ministry of Industry

Field: Boilers;

Regulation : Indian Boilers Act, 1923

Indian Boilers Regulations 1949

CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR FOOD STANDARDS (CFFS)

Directorate General of Health Services

Field: Food Products

Regulation: Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules 1955 (Amendments 1986 and PFA (Secon Amendment) Rules 1987)

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY

Department of Power

Field Electric Power

Generation/Transmission/ Distribution

Regulation: Indian Electricity 1965 Rules

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY BOARD

Department of Power

Field: Electric Power

Generation/Transmission/Distribution

Regulation : Indian Electricity Act, 1910

Indian Electricity Rules 1965

CENTRAL SILK BOARD

Department of Textiles
Field: Natural Raw Silk

Regulation: Central Silk Board (Amendment) Act, 1982

CHIEF CONTROLLER OF EXPLOSIVES (CCE)

Department of Explosives

Ministry of Industry

Field: Gas Cylinders, Pressure

Vessels and Explosive materials

Regulations: Indian Explosives Act, 1984; Gas Cylinders Rules, 1981; Explosives Rules 1983; Static and Mobile Pressure Vessels (unfired Rules 1981) Acetylene Notification No. GSR 625(E) Dated 7 August, 1983; Carbide of Calcium Rules 1937

COIR BOARD

Ministry of Textiles

Field: Coir Products

Regulation : Coir Industries Act, 1953

Export (Quality Control & Inspection) Act 1963

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
Ministry of Surface Transport

Field: Road Transport

Regulation: Motor Vehicles Act 1988

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION
Department of Civil Aviation
Field : Civil Aviation

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FACTORY ADVISORY SERVICE AND LABOUR INSTITUTE
Ministry of Labour
Fields : Safety in Factories
Regulations : Factory Act 1948 Dock Workers (Safety) Healths, and Welfare Act 1986

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF HEALTH SERVICES

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Field: Drugs and Cosmetics

Regulation: Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF MINES SAFETY;
Ministry of Steel and Mines
Field: Safety of Mines & Mining Operations
Regulation: Indian Mines Act & Rules 1952

DIRECTORATE OF VANASPATI, VEGETABLE OIL AND FATS

Department of Civil Supplies

Ministry of Food & Civil Supplies

Field: Vanaspati and Vegetable Oils

Regulation: Vegetable Products

Control Order, 1947; Vegetable Oil Products (Standards of Quality) Order 1975

DIRECTORATE OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Department of Civil Supplies
Field: Weight and Measures used in Commercial Transactions Regulation: Standard of Weights and Measures Act 1976 Standards of Weights and Measures (packaged Commodities) Rule, 1977; Standards of Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act, 1985; Standards of Weights and Measures (General) Rules 1987

MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY

Field : Fruits and Vegetable Prodcts, Synthetic Syrups and Aerated Waters

Regulation : Fruits Product Order 1955

JUTE COMMISSIONER

Fields : Jute and Jute Products

Regulation : Essential Commodities Act, 1955

Jute (Licensing and Control) Order, 1961

TEXTILES COMMITTEE

Ministry of Textiles

Fields : Fibre, Yarn, Fabric and Textiles Machinery

Regulation : Textiles Committee Act, 1963

TEXTILE COMMISSIONER

Fields : Textiles Fibres, Yarn and Facbris (Except Handbook Fabrics) and Textile Machinery, Excluding Jute and Silk

Regulation : Essential Commodities /Sugar (Packing and Marking)

Order 1970; Cotton Control

Order 1986; Textile Control

Order 1986

DEPARTMENT STANDARDS
CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Fields : Civil and Electrical Works

Designation : CPWD Specification

EXPORT INSPECTION COUNCIL OF INDIA

Ministry of Commerce

Field : Over 800 Notified Commodities meant for Export

Regulation : Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act 1963 and Rules 1964

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Ministry of Communications

Field : Telecommunication Equipment

Designation : ITD

DIRECTORATE OF STANDARDIZATION

Ministry of Defence

Field : Articles for Defence use

Designation : JSS, JSG, JSRL, JSPR

ELECTRONIC COMPONENT STANDRDIZATION ORGANIZATION LCSO

Ministry of Defence

Field : Electronic Components

RESEARCH DESIGN AND STANDARDS ORGANISATION (RDSO)

Ministry of Railways

Field : Items used in Railways

Designation : IRS Specifications

CONTROLLERATE OF INSPECTION

Ministry of Defence (DGI)

Field : Explosives/Ammunition

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS

Ministry of Electronics

Field : STOC Series Consumer Electronics/Information Technology